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## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

Friday, February 14, 2014

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### Meetings this week:

#### **City Council, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a special meeting and workshop session, on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the special meeting agenda, click [here](#).

To view the workshop agenda, click [here](#).

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov).

To view meetings online, on

## City of Dover thanks business owners after sign sweep

The Dover Department of Planning and Community Development thanks owners of businesses in the City for compliance with its sign ordinance. This recognition follows the first illegal sign sweep of 2014, conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 11. A total of six illegal and unpermitted signs, including those on utility poles or in the rights of way, were confiscated during the sweep.

The illegal sign removal action was warranted because the placement of these temporary signs in public rights-of-way and medians of streets, on utility poles and attached to trees is not permitted by the Dover zoning ordinance and may cause a safety hazard for traveling motorists or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents. These signs detract from legitimate business signs that have gone through the proper permitting process.

"I am very pleased with our results," said Christopher Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development. "We collected six signs, compared to the fifteen this time last year, and the eighty we collected four years ago when we first started conducting the sweeps." With the low number of signs collected Parker feels that the education and outreach campaign the City has undertaken has been a success.

Furthermore, Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, said none of the signs collected were from Dover-based businesses. The signs collected advertised plowing, mattress sales, and internet service.

"The City has seen a dramatic decrease in illegal off-site

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Saturday  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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advertising," Corwin said. "And I think the fact that four of the six signs collected this week were from the same non-Dover company and another appeared to be an old sign that we simply missed in previous sweeps, speaks to the effectiveness of our outreach and enforcement efforts."

Business owners that have placed these signs were advised to remove the illegal signs in advance of this clean-up effort. Any sign that was confiscated will be held for thirty days prior to being recycled or destroyed, unless the sign is claimed by the owner after paying a reclamation fee based on the actual cost of man-hours and equipment use. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

This marks the start of the fifth year in which the Planning Department has conducted the sweeps. Staff has been monitoring illegal signage and holds the sweeps every few months. At the same time, efforts have been made to reach out to businesses to explain regulations and the safety concerns associated with the placement of signs within the right of way.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 516-6008.

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## **City offices closed Monday for Presidents' Day**

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, for Presidents' Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014.

The Public Library will also be closed on Presidents' Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup is not affected by the holiday.

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## **February vacation week programs at the Dover Library**

Take a break from the snowy, cold weather and stop by the Dover Public Library during school vacation week, Feb. 24-March 1, for free activities and entertainment.

Children of all ages are invited to make a "Rainbow Windsock" to hang outside in the March winds at the "Make-it, Take-it" craft table in the Children's Room anytime during the week. All materials will be provided.

Saturday, Feb. 22, is Lego Day. Use the Library's blocks or bring your own to build and create. Meet new friends, share your building tips, get new ideas, and have fun.

Bozzie, a Certified Therapy Dog, and her handler, Lori, will be in the Children's Room for the "Paws for Reading" program on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 4-5 p.m. Sign up ahead of time to read to Bozzie or drop by to say hello. Call 603-516-6052 to sign up.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m., Miss Tina will present a special drop-in story time with a weather-related theme. All children and caregivers are welcome to attend in the Lecture Hall. No registration is necessary.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, at 10:30 a.m., award-winning musician Steve Blunt will entertain with his interactive musical show for all ages. Steve is a part-time music teacher, part-time singer/storyteller. He started creating songs for children back in the mid 90's while working as a middle school English teacher and raising a young daughter. Critics have called his original performances "funny", "heartfelt" and "engaging". All are welcome to this free performance.



Steve Blunt

Two Saturday movie matinees will bookend the school vacation week. On Saturday, Feb. 22, the library will screen "Ender's Game" (PG-13), and on Saturday, March 1, the feature film will be "Alpha & Omega 2" (PG). All Saturday matinees start at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall and viewers may bring their own popcorn and snacks.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central

Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



**Feb. 15, 1744** - Col. Thomas Wallingford, a member of the Assembly from Dover, made complaint to the House that on the 13th, during the session, Cyprian Jeffrey, of Portsmouth, storekeeper, made an assault upon him and drawing his knife said "he would cut his (Wallingford's) throat, if he got forty men to do it." The House, considering that Jeffrey in so doing, did greatly affront, insult and offer great indignity to them, issued a warrant for his arrest, and on his being brought before them he acknowledged himself to be in fault and declared that he had no design to affront the House or Col. Wallingford and prayed for forgiveness, which was granted. Col. Wallingford, declaring himself satisfied, and the offender dismissed on paying costs.



**Feb. 16, 1920** - The pilings of four spans of the highway travel section of the Dover Point Bridge are swept away by a large ice floe on the ebb tide. The railroad section of the bridge is weakened by the impact of the ice. This section of the bridge had been rebuilt only two years earlier after it had been swept away by ice.



**Feb. 18, 1829** - The new brick Church, erected the last season for the use of the "First Unitarian Society of Christians in Dover," was dedicated, and Mr. Samuel Kirkland Lothrop ordained as Minister over the Church and Society.



**Feb. 19, 1658** - The town instructed Capt. Richard Waldron, Deputy to the General Court, not to consent to the passage of any act infringing upon their privileges concerning customs or the Beaver trade, or any privileges which formerly they had enjoyed. He was to enter his dissent to all such acts as took away their rights and was to bring home all such laws as were made as other Deputies do.



**Feb. 20, 1725** - The bloody fight with the Indians by Capt. John Lovewell and his men, at the pond in Wakefield which has ever since gone by his name took place at this time. On the 24th, the brave company with the scalps of the enemy ten in number, stretched on hoops, and elevated on poles, entered Dover in triumph, and proceeded thence to Boston, where they received the bounty of 100 pounds for each scalp.



**Feb. 21, 1843** - Died, Nathaniel W. Ela, aged 77, for nearly

half a century the keeper of a well-known hotel (Ela's Tavern) on the Landing.

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## Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and first-grade registration for children as follows:

Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering kindergarten;

Children Six years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

### **Horne Street School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

### **Woodman Park Elementary School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

### **Garrison Elementary School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools



April 15-17.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

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## Help keep our City clean by picking up after pets

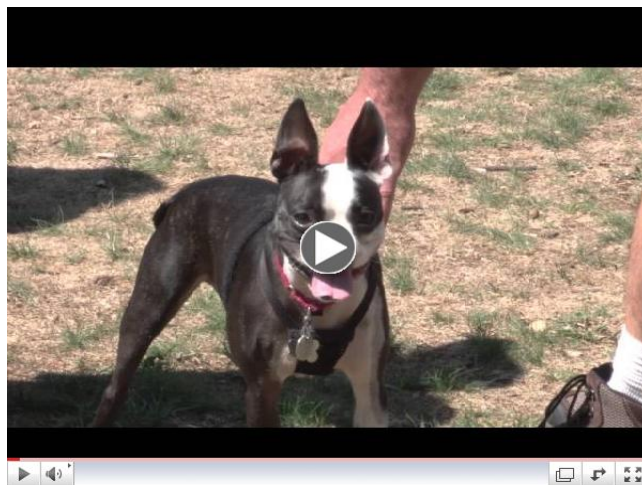
Picking up and disposing of pet waste is an important step to helping keep the City of Dover clean and healthy.

Pet waste is a significant contributor of bacteria in surface waters. Pet waste left on City streets, parks and playing fields can quickly turn into unhealthy nuisances that often someone other than a pet owner has to remove. While many pet owners are responsible, help make sure that pet waste is properly managed for the good health and benefit of everyone. Pet waste left on the ground, especially in public areas like parks or playing fields, may pose a risk to children, adults, and even pets.

Let's work together to keep pet waste out of our water resources and recreational areas. Please do your part and "Scoop the Poop."

Remember, picking up after your pet isn't just a courtesy for those walking behind you; it's the law.

For tips on dealing with pet waste, please see the City of Dover's public service announcement below:



Help keep the City of Dover clean by picking up  
after pets

For additional information about this project or pet waste in general please contact Barbara McMillan, NHDES,

Watershed Assistance, 271-7889,  
bmcmillan@des.state.nh.us or Sally Soule, NH Coastal  
Program, 559-0032, ssoule@des.state.nh.us

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## 'New Hampshire's Little-Known Black Daughters' at the Dover Public Library Feb. 18

New Hampshire has a long, rich, and vibrant African-American history. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 18. at 7 p.m, the Friends of the Dover Public Library are pleased to present a program by JerriAnne Boggis and Courtney Marshall entitled "New Hampshire's Little-Known Black Daughters".

They will discuss the lives and contributions of two local African-American women: Nellie Brown Mitchell, a renowned 19th century opera singer and concert company owner from Dover, and Harriet E. Wilson, an author from Milford who penned "Our Nig, or Sketches from the Life of a Free Black" in 1859. Re-discovered in 1982 by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., this book has been documented as the first African-American novel published in the United States.



Nellie Brown Mitchell

This dynamic program will explore themes of community, history, and identity and the continuing importance of Black history in New Hampshire. Courtney Marshall is an Assistant Professor of English and Women 's Studies at the University of New Hampshire. Her field of research includes African-American literature, critical race feminism, queer ethnic studies, and law and popular culture.



Harriet Wilson

JerriAnne Boggis is the Director of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail and the Harriet Wilson Project who works to tell the little-known stories of Black history in New Hampshire and beyond.

For more information on this free program, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

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## Stay social with your City



Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.

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## Main Street to host Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl

Join Dover Main Street for the first race in the Dover Race Series ([www.doverraceseries.com](http://www.doverraceseries.com)), a 5k run, followed by a pub crawl at 13 participating downtown Dover restaurants.



The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl race will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. The pub crawl begins at 11 a.m. the race starts and ends on Chestnut Street, in front of the Dover Transportation Center.

To view the race course, click [here](#).

The race is underwritten by D.F. Richard and sponsored by Orchard Title, Avalar Advantage Real Estate, Ross Furniture and Relyco.

The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl is part of the 2014 Dover Race Series.

For more information, or to register, click [here](#).

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## Winter parking ban in effect

A citywide winter parking ban is now in effect and will conclude April 1, 2014.

The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in city controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit.

The Library, Third Street and School Street parking lots have specific areas where overnight parking is allowed. Drivers should look for signs in the lots indicating which rows are available.



Vehicles found in violation of the winter parking ban will be issued a \$15 parking ticket. Vehicles interfering with snow removal may be towed.

The city will also enact an emergency parking ban for the downtown area, when needed, to facilitate snow removal. The emergency parking ban will be announced by 3 p.m. each evening and take effect at 1 a.m. the following morning. When the emergency parking ban is in effect, any car parked on a downtown street will be towed. Notification of the emergency parking ban will be conducted through local media, the City of Dover website, cable channel 22 and Dover Download.

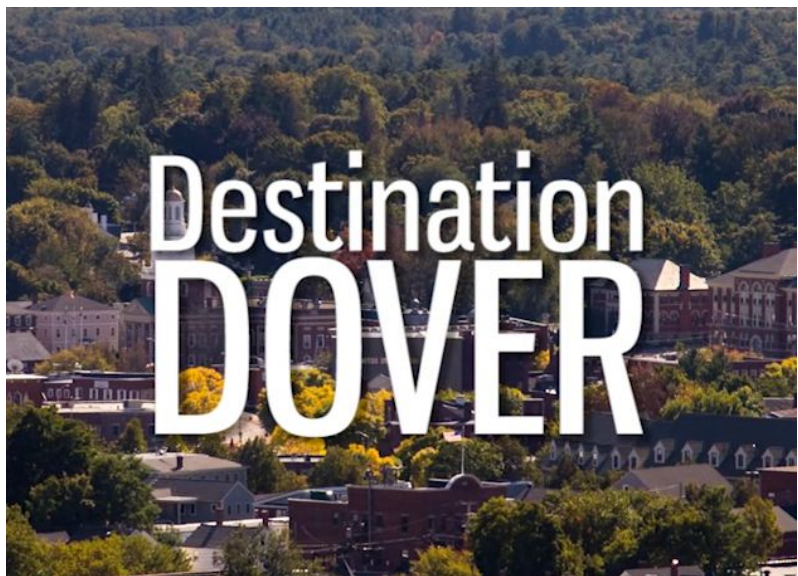
Downtown restaurants, bars and other late night business are encouraged to sign up for an e-mail notification of an emergency parking ban by contacting the Parking Bureau at [parking@dover.nh.gov](mailto:parking@dover.nh.gov) or by calling 516-2277.

Streets included in the emergency parking ban area are: Chestnut Street; Main Street; Chapel Street; School Street; First Street; Second Street; Locust Street from Washington to Silver Street; Washington Street from Belknap to River Street; Central Avenue from Sixth Street to Silver Street; Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets (Central to Chestnut); Henry Law Avenue from Central Avenue to George Street; Broadway from Central Avenue to St. John Street; Hale Street; St. Thomas Street from Central to Locust Street; Locust Street from Hale Street to Washington Street.

A map is posted at [www.dover.nh.gov/policepdf/DnTnSnowEmergencyMap.pdf](http://www.dover.nh.gov/policepdf/DnTnSnowEmergencyMap.pdf).

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-2277.

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## City's boards and commissions keep community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

There are a number of vacancies on current boards and commissions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/boards.htm](http://www.dover.nh.gov/boards.htm).

To download an application for board and commissions, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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## Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, click [here](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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